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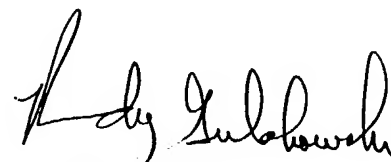
1. ☒ The amendment filed on 31 August 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

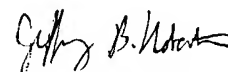
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- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Although applicant contends that the proposed amendment is purely to correct typographical errors, the amendment effects the scope of the claims because the number of carbons of the R2 group has been changed from C3-C9 to C3-C19. The reason that this amendment has been disapproved is because proposed amended claims 1 and 11 contain the same subject matter as allowed claims 21 and 22. Since claim 1 is in the form of a fiber and claim 11 is expressed as a fiber, there would be no difference between these claims were the amendment to be entered.



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